

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 and 10-30 are pending in this application. Claims 1-7, 13, 15, 16, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, and 29 are currently withdrawn from consideration. By this Amendment, claims 8, 14, 17, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, and 30 are amended, and claim 9 is canceled. No new matter is added. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 8, 10, 14, 20, and 22 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Yui (U.S. Patent No. 5,462,590); rejects claims 9 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Yui in view of Pavlin (U.S. Patent No. 5,777,023); rejects claim 12 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Yui in view of Oki (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0050226); rejects claims 17, 18, and 24 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Yui in view of Koitabashi (U.S. Patent No. 6,471,348); rejects claims 26 and 28 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Yui in view of Kawamura (U.S. Patent No. 6,387,506); and rejects claim 30 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Yui in view of Koitabashi and Kawamura. The §103(a) rejection as it pertains to canceled claim 9 is now moot. However, Applicant respectfully traverses the remainder of rejections as they pertain to respective claims 8, 10-12, 14, 17-18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, and 30.

Specifically, Applicant asserts that Yui, Pavlin, Oki, Koitabashi, and Kawamura, individually or in combination, fail to disclose an ink jet ink composition including at least one amine compound wherein a content of the amine compound is in a range of 5 to 30% by mass, as recited in independent claims 8, 14, 17, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, and 30.

In stark contrast, Yui, in col. 5, lines 13-15, discloses an amount of an amine compound added based on the whole amount of an ink is from 0.5 to 3% by weight, preferably 0.5 to 2% by weight. Accordingly, Yui fails to disclose a content of the amine

compound is in a range of 5 to 30% by mass, as recited in claims 8, 14, 17, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, and 30.

Pavlin merely discloses a solventless composition that contains diamidediurethane. Pavlin, however, nowhere discloses an ink jet ink composition including at least one amine compound, and thus, fails to disclose a content of the amine compound is in a range of 5 to 30% by mass, as recited in claims 8, 14, 17, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, and 30.

Oki merely discloses an aqueous ink including a compound represented by a formula shown in paragraph [0022] of Oki, which is clearly different from an amine compound. Accordingly, Oki also fails to disclose a content of the amine compound is in a range of 5 to 30% by mass, as recited in claims 8, 14, 17, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, and 30.

Koitabashi and Kawamura also fail to disclose a content of the amine compound is in a range of 5 to 30% by mass, as recited in claims 8, 14, 17, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, and 30, and thus, fail to make up for the deficiencies of Yui, Pavlin, and Oki.

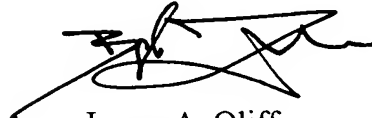
Accordingly, Applicant respectfully asserts that Yui, Pavlin, Oki, Koitabashi, and Kawamura, individually or in combination, fail to disclose an ink jet ink composition including at least one amine compound wherein a content of the amine compound is in a range of 5 to 30% by mass, as recited in claims 8, 14, 17, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, and 30.

In accordance with the above remarks, Applicant submits that independent claims 8, 14, 17, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, and 30 define patentable subject matter. Claims 10-12 and 18 depend from independent claims 8 and 17, respectively, and therefore, also define patentable subject matter. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejections.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 8, 10-12, 14, 17-18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, and 30 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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